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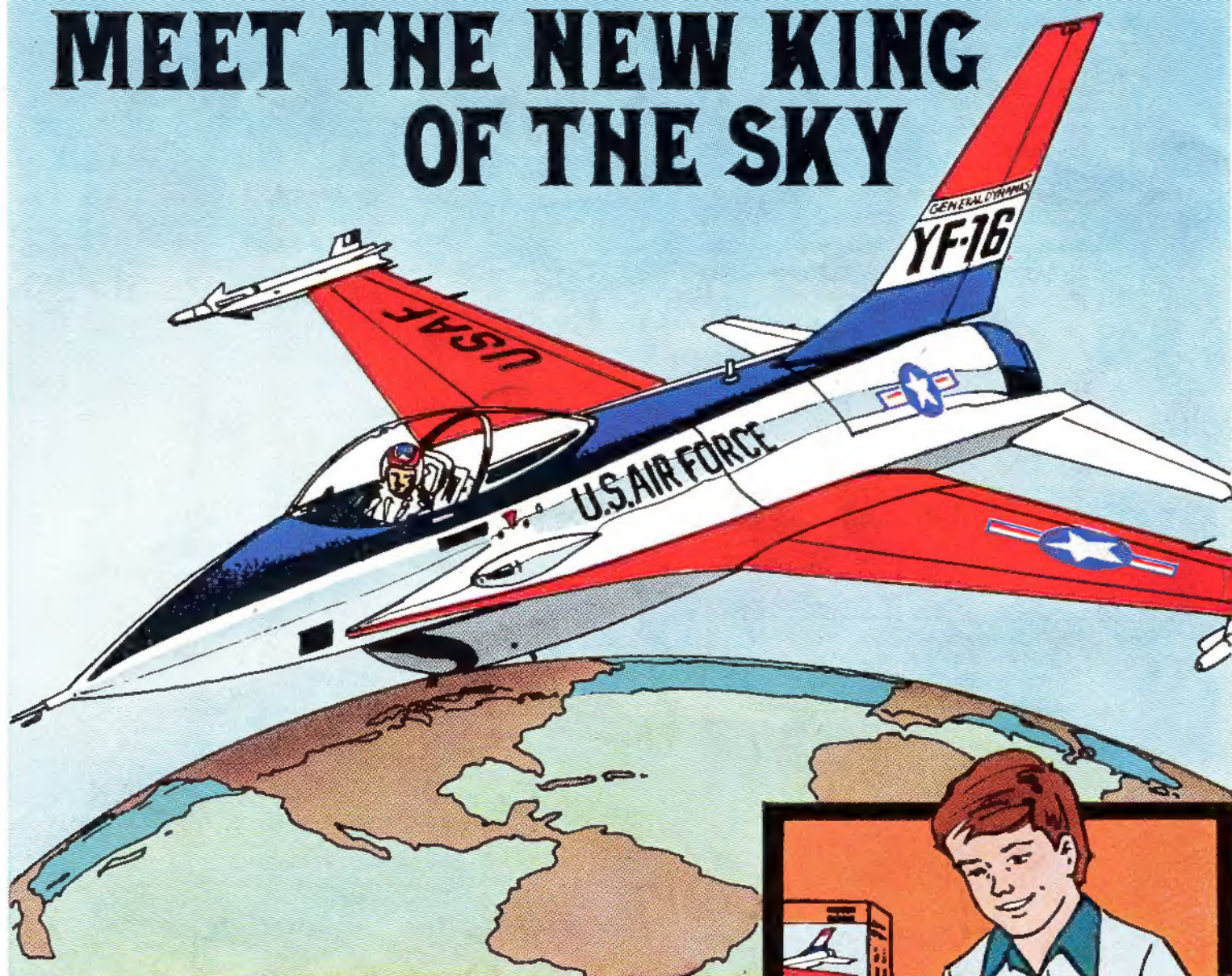


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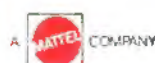
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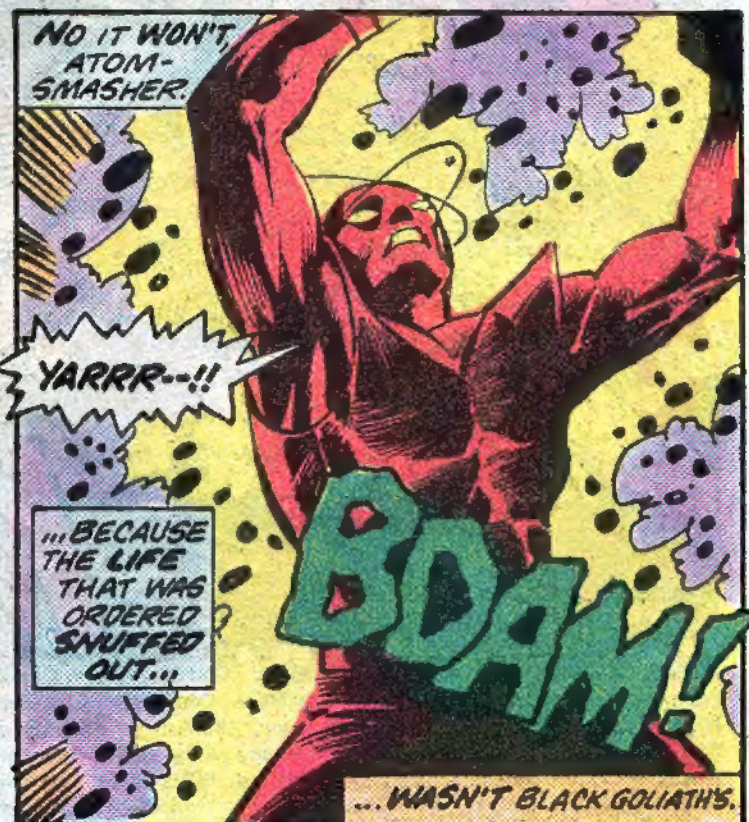
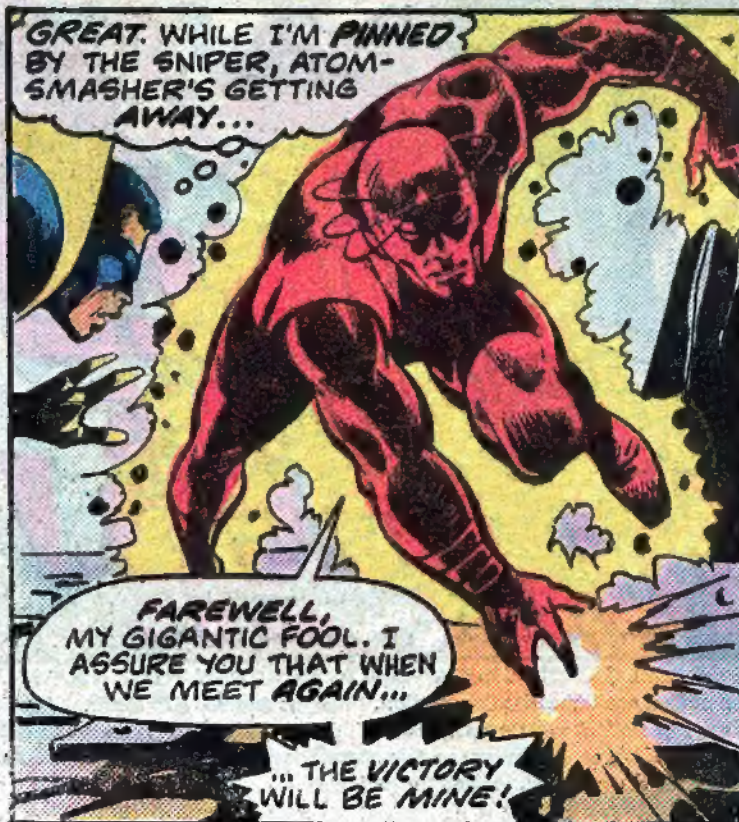
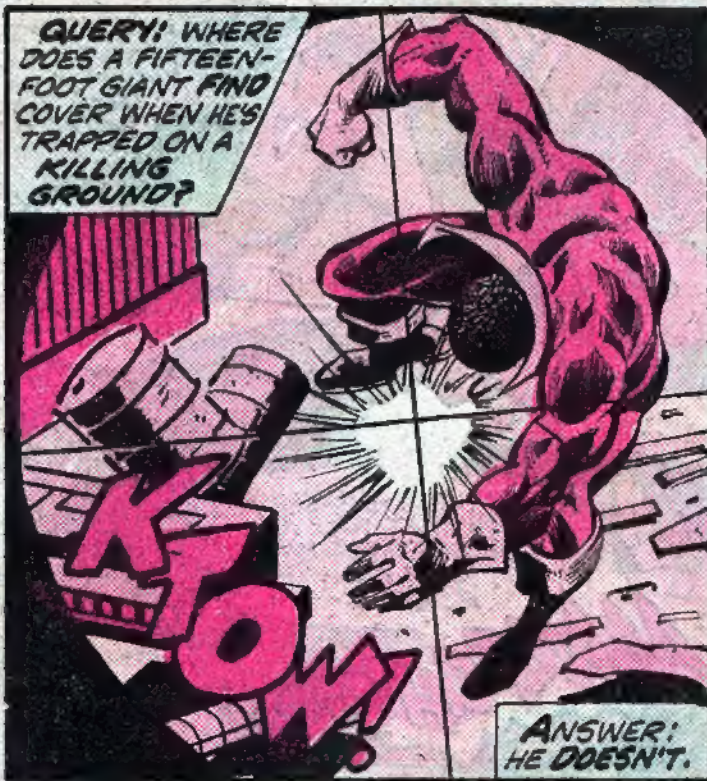
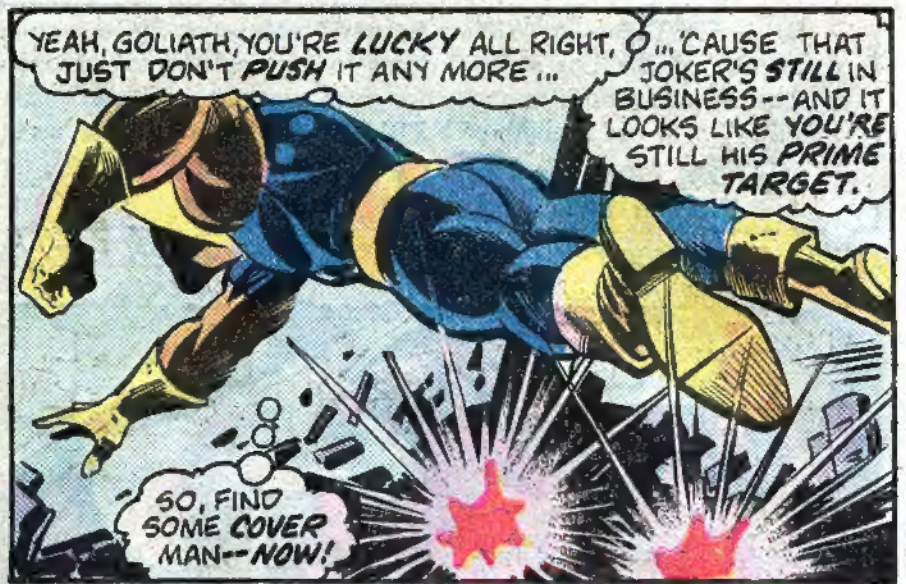
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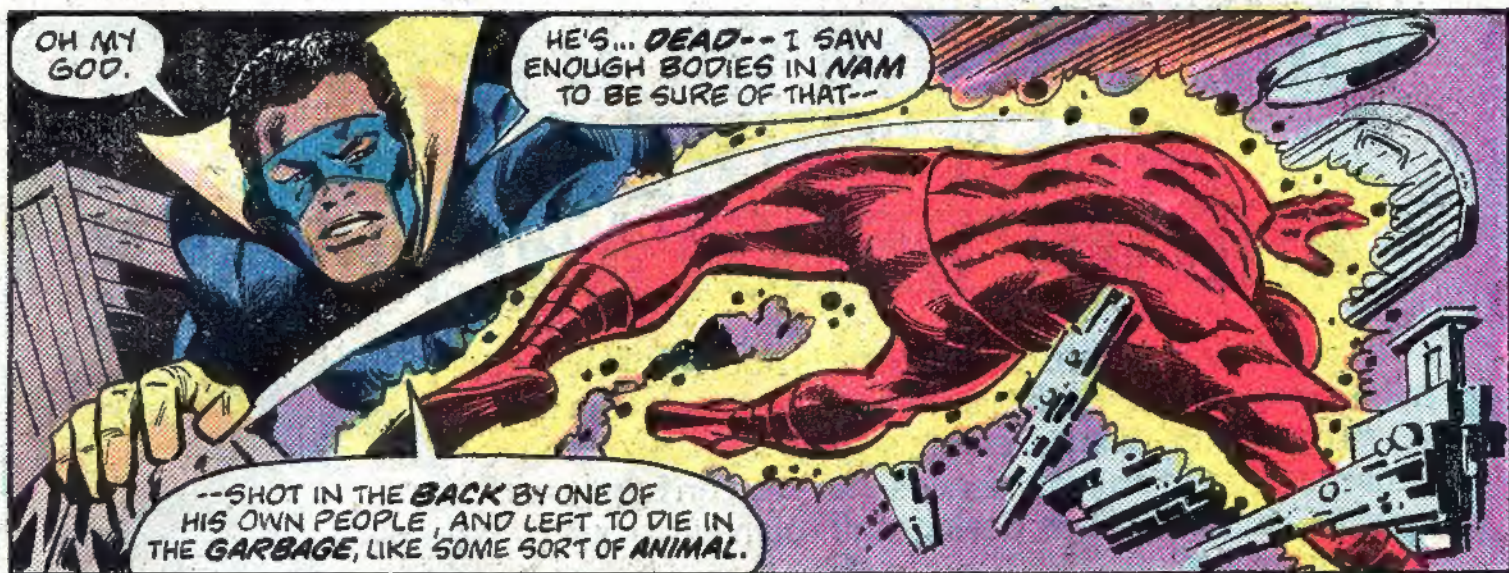
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OH MY GOD.

HE'S... DEAD-- I SAW ENOUGH BODIES IN NAM TO BE SURE OF THAT--

--SHOT IN THE BACK BY ONE OF HIS OWN PEOPLE, AND LEFT TO DIE IN THE GARBAGE, LIKE SOME SORT OF ANIMAL.



FUNNY HOW FAST A MAN CAN THINK IN A CRUNCH... ATOM-SMASHER HAS BARELY HIT THE GROUND BEFORE GOLIATH HAS THINGS FIGURED OUT...

IT WAS A SET-UP -- THAT SNIPER WASN'T AFTER ME AT ALL...

...HIS FANCY SHOOTING WAS DESIGNED TO SEPARATE ME FROM ATOM-SMASHER, SO THE SNIPER COULD HAVE A CLEAR SHOT AT HIM.

OKAY, SO A.S. WAS A CROOK-- BUT EVEN HE DIDN'T DESERVE MURDER. ESPECIALLY NOT LIKE THIS.



SO I'M COMING FOR YOU, SNIPER--

-- AND IF YOU WANT TO STOP ME, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS KILL ME...

SPOW!

... BECAUSE NOTHING SHORT OF DEATH IS GOING TO KEEP ME FROM YOU!

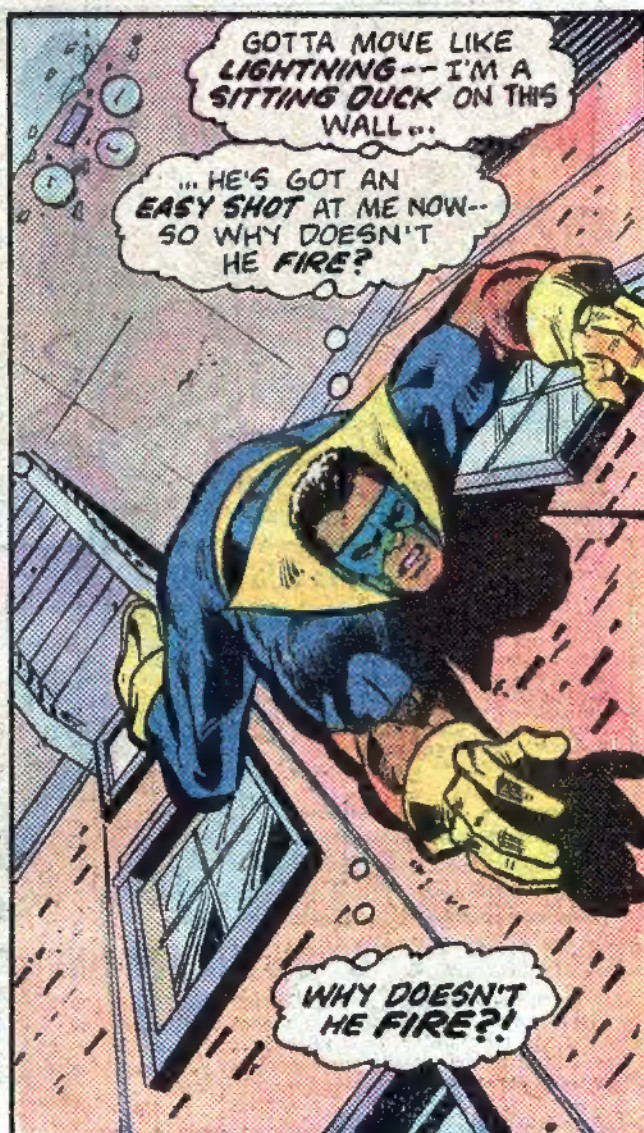


IT AIN'T LIKE I'M NOT TRYIN', BO-- YOU'RE A LOT FASTER'N YOU LOOK!

BRAK!

... YOU SEEN COMBAT, AIN'T'CHA, BO'? I KNOW THE MOVES, AN' YOU'RE GOOD.

BUT I'M BETTER. THE DAY I WANT YOU DEAD, BO' -- WELL THAT'S THE DAY YOU DIE.



GOTTA MOVE LIKE LIGHTNING-- I'M A SITTING DUCK ON THIS WALL...

... HE'S GOT AN EASY SHOT AT ME NOW-- SO WHY DOESN'T HE FIRE?

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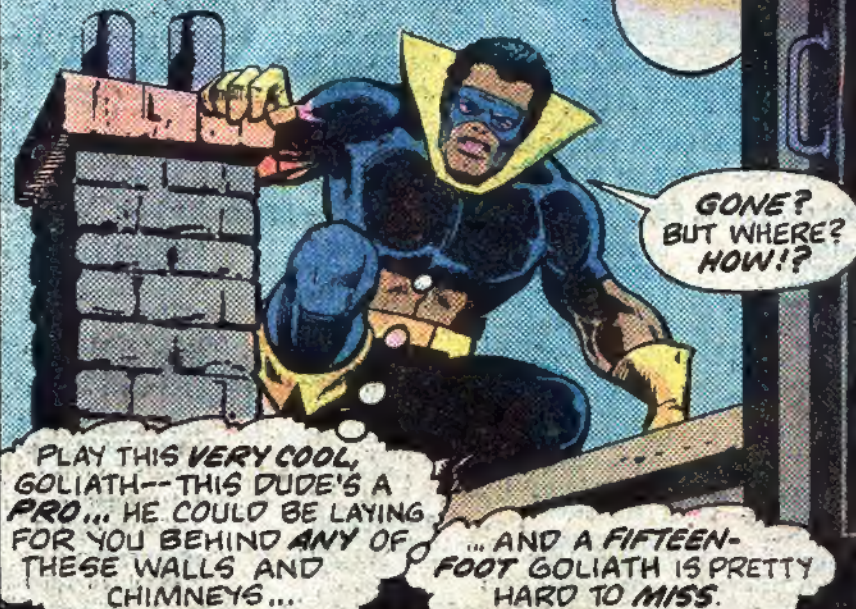
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GONE?
BUT WHERE?
HOW!?

PLAY THIS VERY COOL,
GOLIATH--THIS DUDE'S A
PRO... HE COULD BE LAYING
FOR YOU BEHIND ANY OF
THESE WALLS AND
CHIMNEYS...

...AND A FIFTEEN-
FOOT GOLIATH IS PRETTY
HARD TO MISS.

BUT HE DID MISS, TOO OFTEN
AND WAY TOO CLOSE TO CALL
IT A FLUKE...



...SO HE LET ME
LIVE, AFTER SLOWING
ME DOWN ENOUGH TO
LET HIM MAKE HIS
ESCAPE.

HE COULD HAVE GONE A
HUNDRED DIFFERENT
WAYS AND I CAN'T COVER
ONE OF THEM...



ALL RIGHT,
YOUR HEIGHT HAS
DISADVANTAGES
-- BUT THAT'S
LOGICAL,
ISN'T IT...?

YOU'VE GOT A
PROBLEM-- THEN
MAKE LIKE A HERO
AND DEAL WITH
IT.

THE ATTACK IS SUDDEN, TOTALLY
WITHOUT WARNING...



...A CHURNING
IN GOLIATH'S
GUTS, A
TWISTING OF
MIND AND
BODY...

...CHILLS, NAUSEA, PAIN,
RAVAGING HIS SYSTEM
LIKE TIGER'S TEARING
AT A FRESH KILL...

... SMASHING
HIM DOWN...

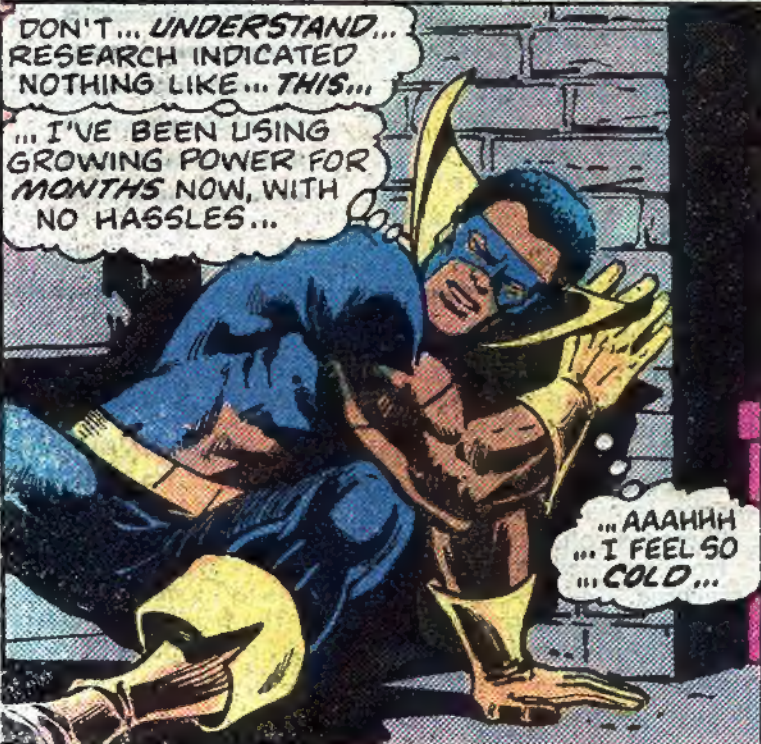


LORD...
FEEL SICK
...CHANGING
SIZES, CAN'T
HELP MYSELF...
RETURNING
TO NORMAL...

...NEVER FELT
SO SICK...

DON'T... UNDERSTAND...
RESEARCH INDICATED
NOTHING LIKE... THIS...

... I'VE BEEN USING
GROWING POWER FOR
MONTHS NOW, WITH
NO HASSLES...



... AAAHHH
... I FEEL SO
... COLD...

C'MON, FOSTER, GET
YOUR ACT TOGETHER...

... SOME SUPER-
HERO YOU ARE,
MISTER... SOME
--AAGKHH!!



PAIN... INCREDIBLE
PAIN... RIPPING ME
APART INSIDE... AND
I FEEL... SO...
BLASTED...
COLD...

LORD, OH LORD, I FEEL
LIKE... I'M GOING TO...
DIE... GONNA... DIE...

SILENCE, THEN, AND IN THAT SILENCE, NIGHT BECOMES DAY, BECOMES NIGHT AGAIN...

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I'M SORRY, MR. STARK-- BILL ISN'T AROUND THE LAB. I THINK HE WENT HOME WITH A COLD...

CUT THE ROUTINE, WEST-- I TRIED HIS HOME FIRST, AND I'M IN NO MOOD FOR A RUN-AROUND...

NOW YOU LISTEN UP MISTER-- AND YOU LISTEN GOOD...

I'LL BE CALLING BACK FIRST THING IN THE MORNING-- YOUR TIME, WEST-- AND I WANT BILL FOSTER ON THIS PHONE...

...IF HE ISN'T, THEN MAYBE I'VE GOT THE WRONG MAN RUNNING STARK-WEST. TELL HIM THAT.

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ENOUGH.

YOU'VE **THROWN**
AWAY EVERY JOB
YOU'VE EVER HAD,
DALE...

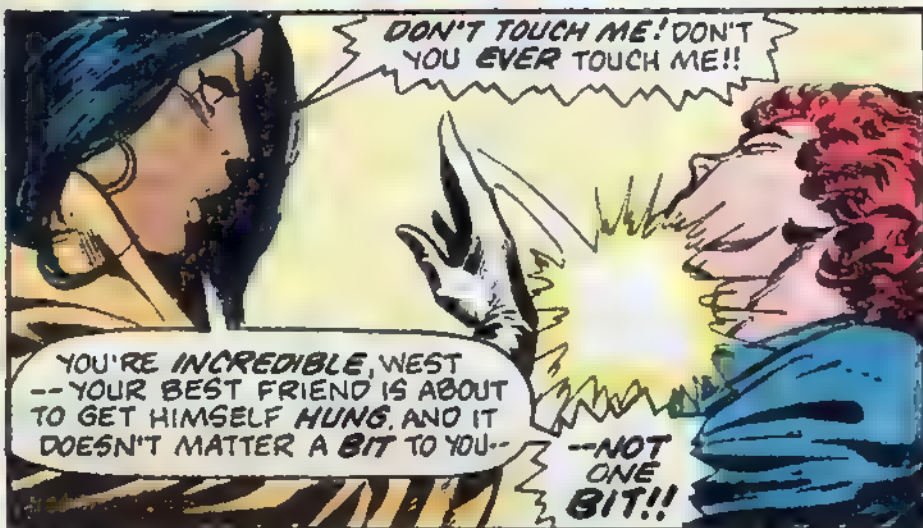
...ARE YOU
DETERMINED
TO TAKE **BILL**
WITH YOU THIS
TIME? A FINE
WAY TO REPAY
A FRIEND.



HEY, **BILL'S** A CAT, LADY-- JUST LIKE ME
--HE ALWAYS LANDS ON HIS FEET...

...BUT **CHANGIN'**
THE SUBJECT
SLIGHTLY. YOU LOOK
FIT TO **KILL** TONIGHT,
DR. KRUMA...

...AND HERE'S A
KISS TO PROVE IT!



DON'T TOUCH ME! DON'T
YOU EVER TOUCH ME!!

YOU'RE **INCREDIBLE**, WEST
--YOUR BEST FRIEND IS ABOUT
TO GET HIMSELF **HUNG**, AND IT
DOESN'T MATTER A BIT TO YOU--

...NOT
ONE
BIT!!



YOU PUT YOUR
FOOT IN IT **THAT**
TIME, OL' BUDDIE.
AND YOU GOT
BURNED FOR
IT.

SERVES
YOU
RIGHT.

BUTT OUT,
HERBIE-- YOU
DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.



TAL KNOWS ME
BETTER'N THAT--
THE WAY WE ACT
AROUND THE LAB,
IT'S JUST A **GAME**...

MAYBE
SHE'S TIRED
OF **GAMES**.

AN' MAYBE
SOMETHING'S
WRONG!



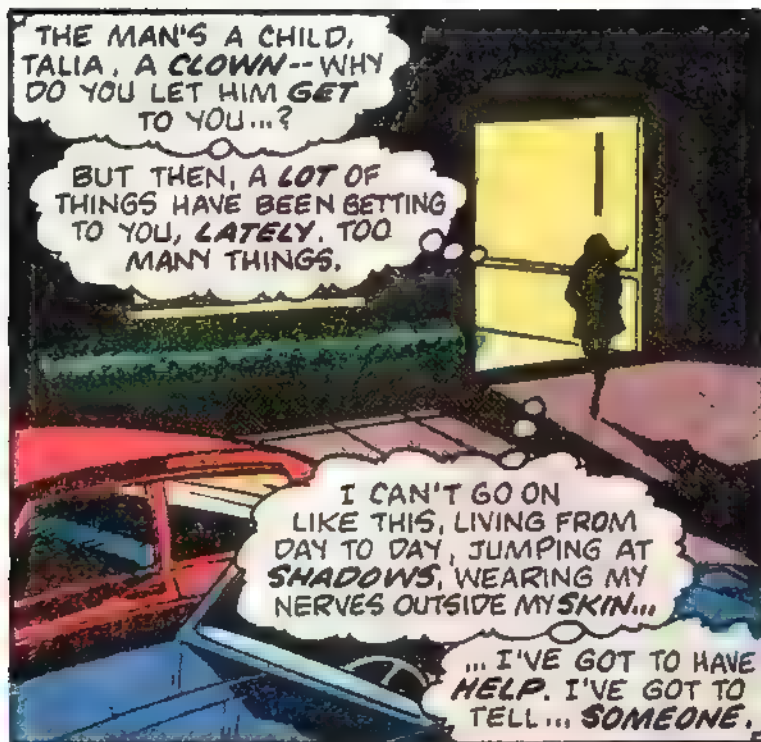
OH, SOMETHING'S **WRONG**, DR. WEST--
BET ON IT. BUT MORE ON THAT IN A
MOMENT.

IN THE
MEANTIME...

ACID'S DONE IT'S
WORK, BOSS-- THE
ALARMS ARE OUT AN'
THE FENCE IS **WIDE**
OPEN--

TSSSSSS

--STARK-
WEST IS
OURS FOR THE
TAKIN'!



THE MAN'S A CHILD, TALIA. A CLOWN-- WHY DO YOU LET HIM GET TO YOU...?

BUT THEN, A LOT OF THINGS HAVE BEEN BETTING TO YOU, LATELY. TOO MANY THINGS.

I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS, LIVING FROM DAY TO DAY, JUMPING AT SHADOWS, WEARING MY NERVES OUTSIDE MY SKIN...

... I'VE GOT TO HAVE HELP. I'VE GOT TO TELL... SOMEONE.



BUT WHO? BILL, I GUESS IF HE WERE HERE. BUT HE'S NOT HERE.

HERB? NO.

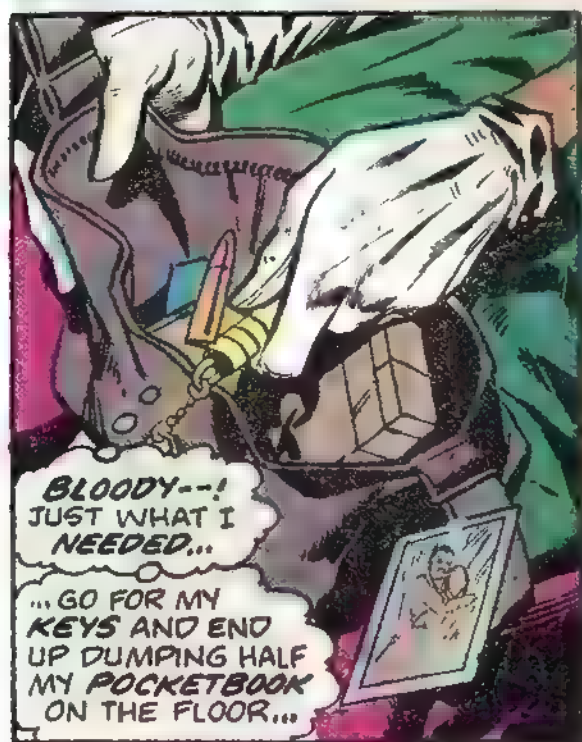
DALE...?



OPEN MY SOUL TO DALE WEST-- I THINK I'D SOONER DIE...

... AND IT MAY VERY WELL COME TO THAT.

LET'S GO HOME, TALIA-- MAYBE THE NIGHTMARES HAVE TONIGHT OFF.



BLOODY--! JUST WHAT I NEEDED...

... GO FOR MY KEYS AND END UP DUMPING HALF MY POCKETBOOK ON THE FLOOR...



MEMORIES...

... SUMMER IN BANGKOK, HOT, SULTRY ...

... THE AIR SPICY WITH EXOTIC FRAGRANCES... HEAVY SCENTED WITH MYSTERY... AND LOVE...



MEMORIES...

... GUNFIRE
... HARSH, SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED...

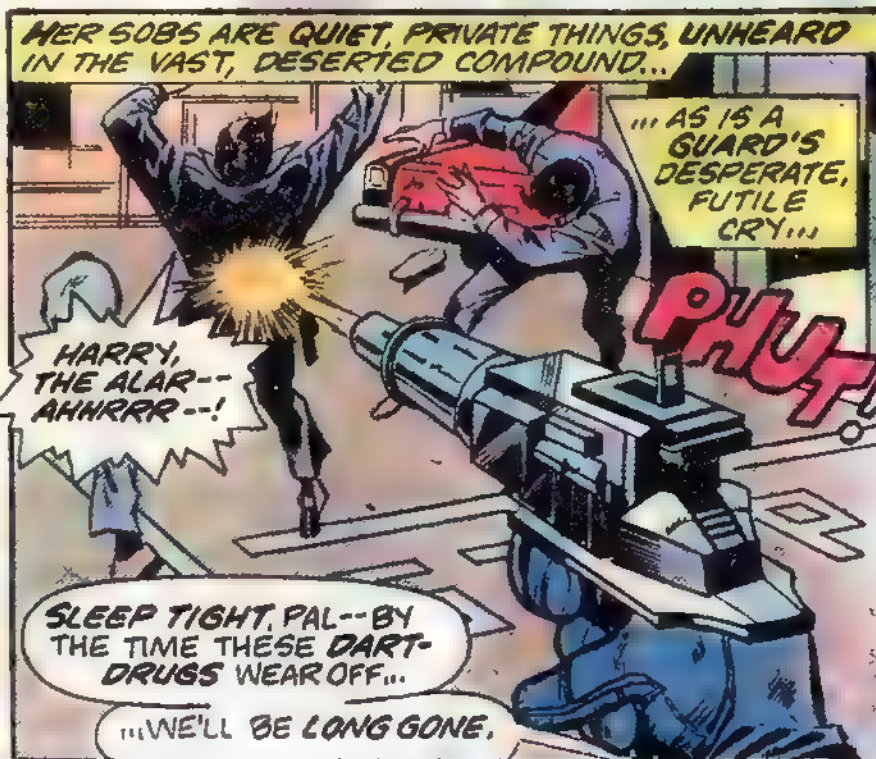
... TERROR... RUNNING AND AND RUNNING ... SO MUCH FEAR...



I'M SORRY, NEIL -- SO SORRY! I WAS SCARED! I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE!

OH GOD, WHY WON'T THE DEAD STAY DEAD?

WHY WON'T THEY LEAVE THE LIVING IN PEACE?!



HER SOBS ARE QUIET, PRIVATE THINGS, UNHEARD IN THE VAST, DESERTED COMPOUND...

... AS IS A GUARD'S DESPERATE, FUTILE CRY...

HARRY, THE ALAR--
AHHRRR--!

SLEEP TIGHT, PAL-- BY THE TIME THESE DART-DRUGS WEAR OFF...

... WE'LL BE LONG GONE.

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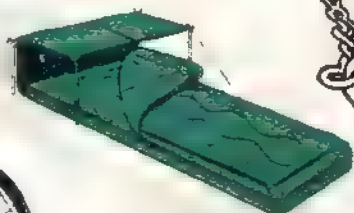
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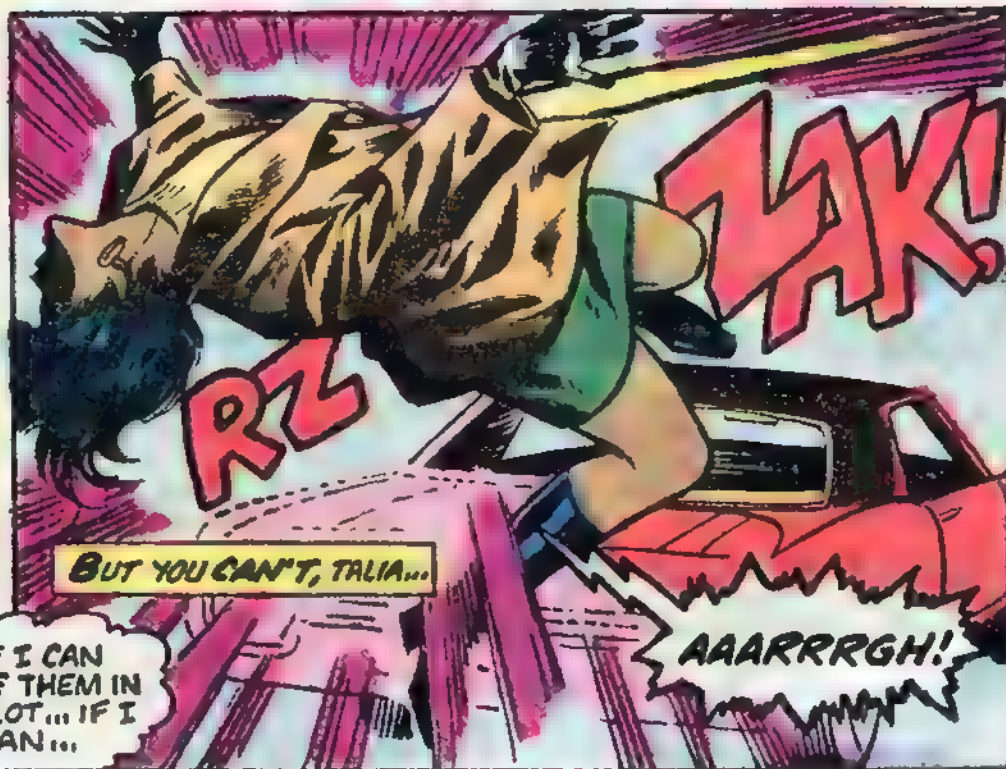
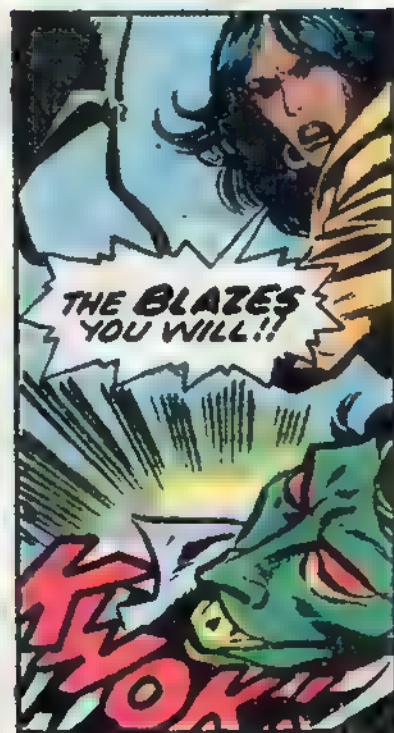
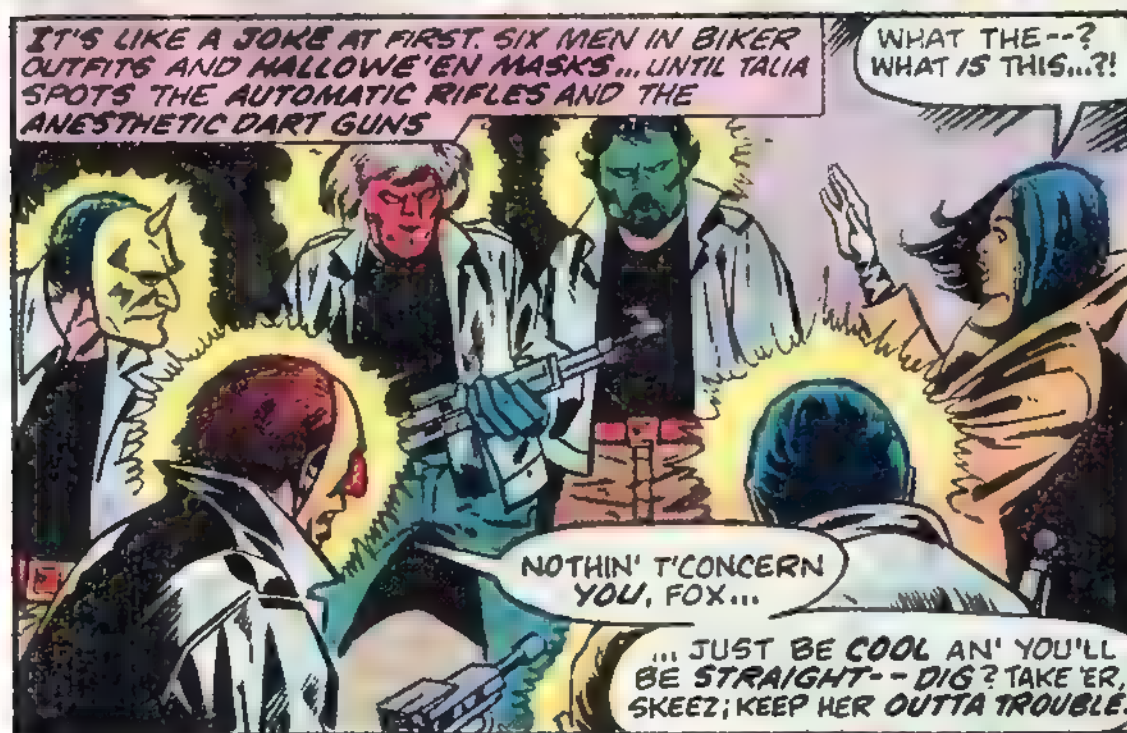
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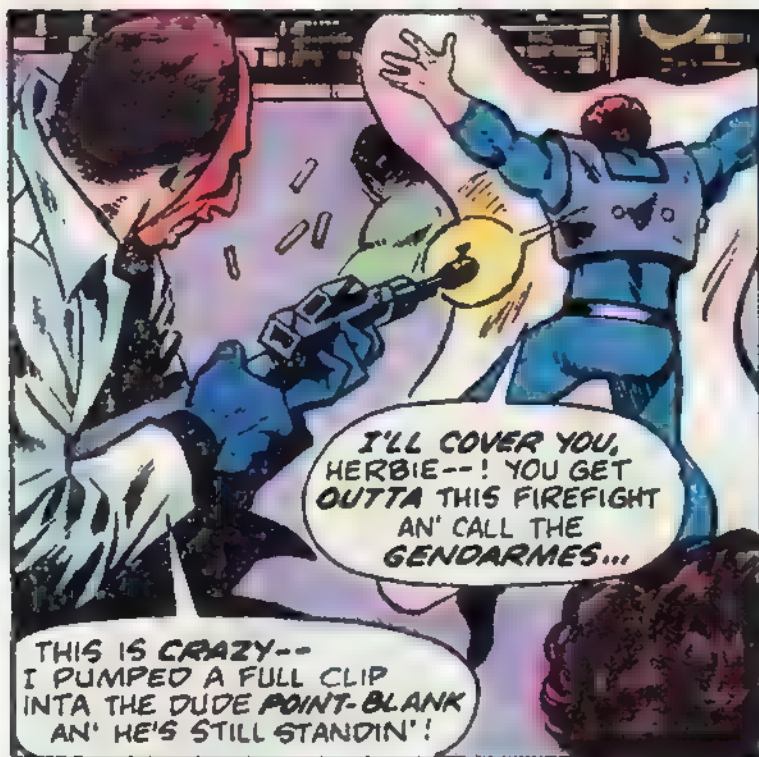
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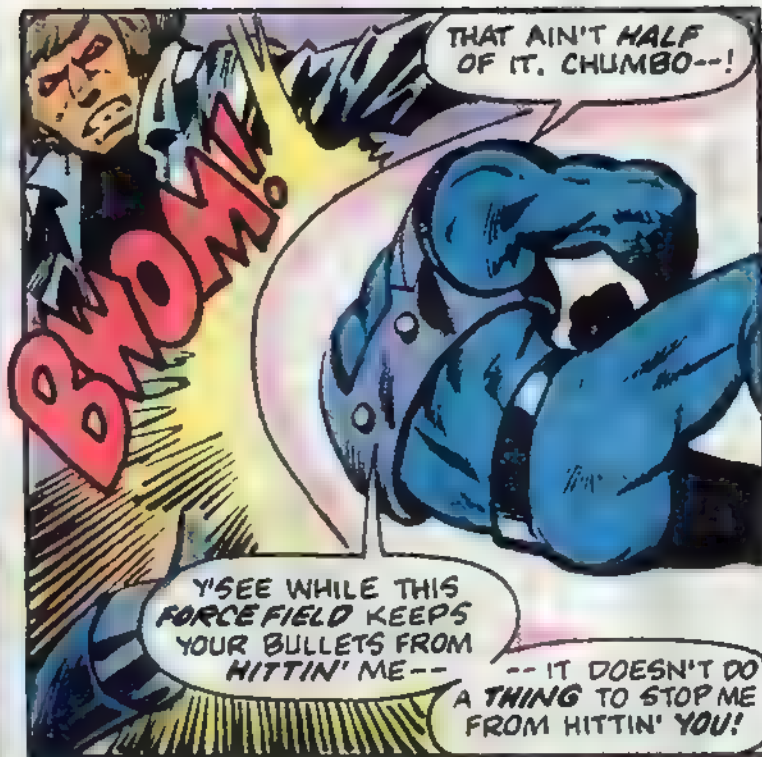






I'LL COVER YOU, HERBIE--! YOU GET OUTTA THIS FIREFIGHT AN' CALL THE GENDARMES...

THIS IS CRAZY-- I PUMPED A FULL CLIP INTO THE DUDE POINT-BLANK AN' HE'S STILL STANDIN'!



THAT AIN'T HALF OF IT. CHUMBO--!

Y'SEE WHILE THIS FORCE FIELD KEEPS YOUR BULLETS FROM HITTIN' ME--

-- IT DOESN'T DO A THING TO STOP ME FROM HITTIN' YOU!



HMMM... NOTE TO HERB: AS WELL AS PROTECTING THE WEARER... NAMELY ME...

...THE FIELD SEEMS TO HAVE HYPED MY STRENGTH AS WELL...



MOPPIN' UP THESE JOKERS IS TURNIN' OUT T'BE NO TROUBLE AT ALL...

HEY--! I WONDER IF THIS IS WHAT SUPER-HEROES FEEL LIKE...? NOT BAD...



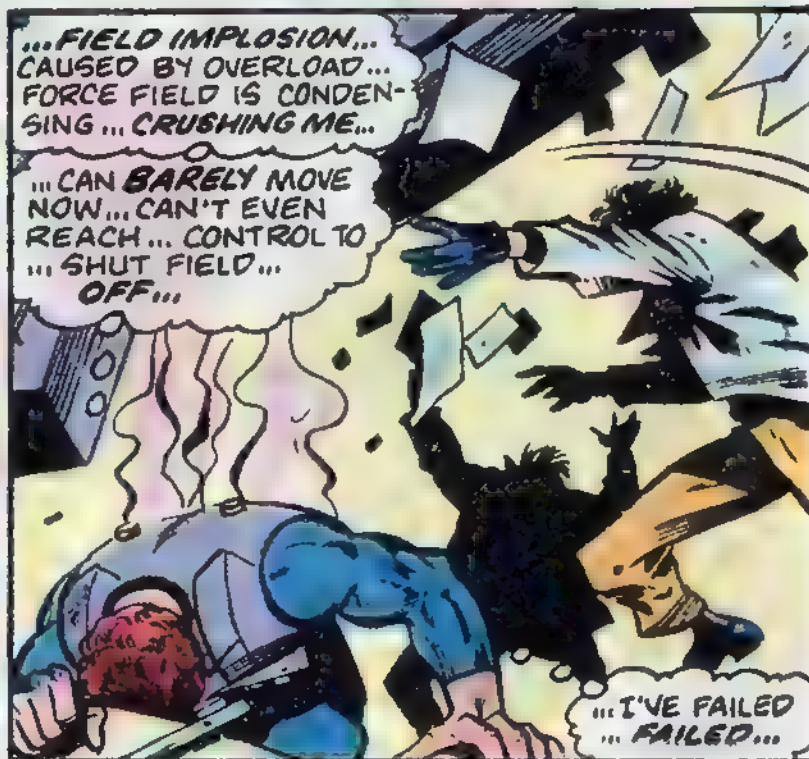
WHAT THE--!



ENERGY BLAST... INCREDIBLE POWER... HIT ME FROM BEHIND... DIDN'T EVEN SEE THE GUY WHO FIRED IT...

...TOO MUCH POWER FOR THE FIELD TO HANDLE... BUILDING TO... OVERLOAD...

RAZZN!



...FIELD IMPLSION... CAUSED BY OVERLOAD... FORCE FIELD IS CONDENSING... CRUSHING ME...

...CAN BARELY MOVE NOW... CAN'T EVEN REACH... CONTROL TO SHUT FIELD OFF...

...I'VE FAILED... FAILED...

IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY,
HASN'T IT, GOLIATH?
BEGUN IN SICKNESS
AND PAIN...



...A DAY
MARKED
BY DOUBTS
AND...
FEAR...

... A DAY OF
QUESTIONS...

QUESTIONS THAT WILL JUST
HAVE TO WAIT...



WAIT A MINUTE... THE
GATE'S WIDE OPEN, BUT
THERE'S NO TRAFFIC...

...AND WHERE ARE
THE GUARDS...?

...WHAT'S THAT UP BY
THE LAB-- MOTOR-
CYCLES? SEVEN OF 'EM
-- COMING THIS WAY...?

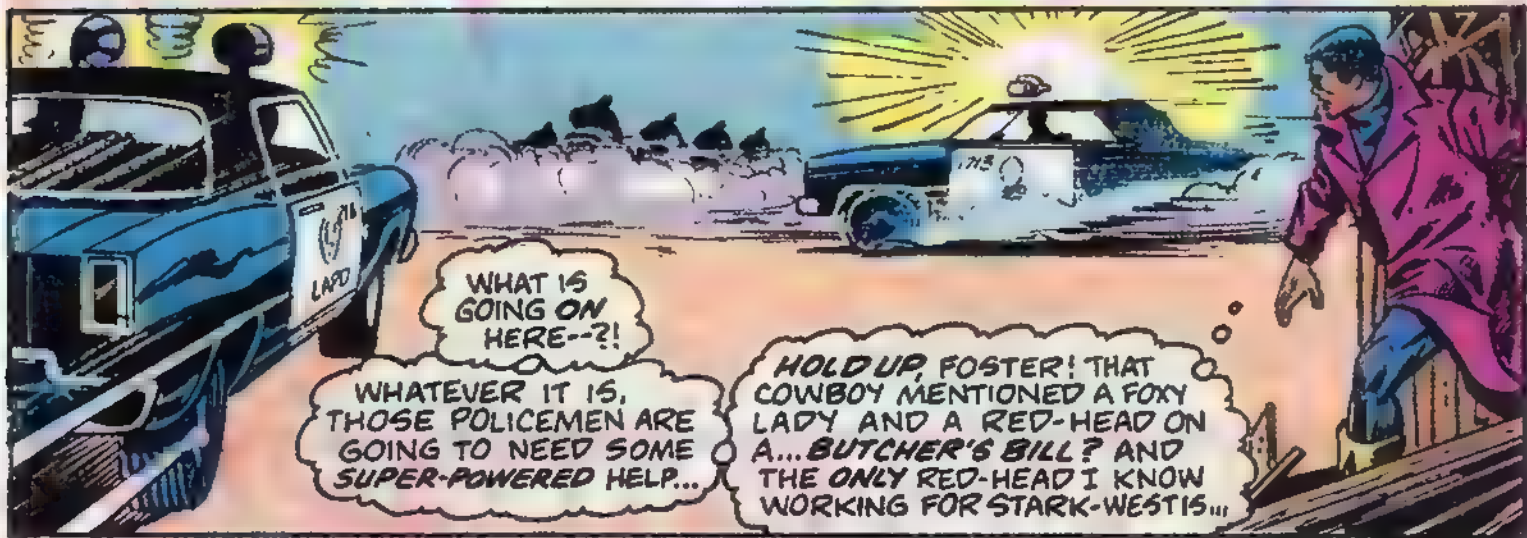


DIVE FOR
COVER, BABY!

KDOW!

KDOW!

'LESS YOU WANTA
BE ADDED TO THE
BUTCHER'S BILL 'LONG
WITH THE FOXY LADY AN'
THE RED-HEAD!



WHAT IS
GOING ON
HERE--?!

WHATEVER IT IS,
THOSE POLICEMEN ARE
GOING TO NEED SOME
SUPER-POWERED HELP...

HOLD UP, FOSTER! THAT
COWBOY MENTIONED A FOXY
LADY AND A RED-HEAD ON
A... BUTCHER'S BILL? AND
THE ONLY RED-HEAD I KNOW
WORKING FOR STARK-WEST IS...



DALE!

TOO ...
LATE... BOSS...
CAN FEEL...
BONES...
CRACKING...

...STRAIN...
CAN'T HOLD ON...



SURE YOU
CAN, DALE...

WHY D'YOU THINK I HAD
A QUICK-RELEASE FASTENER
BUILT INTO THE VEST...?

NOW GET YOUR
HEAD DOWN,
RED ...

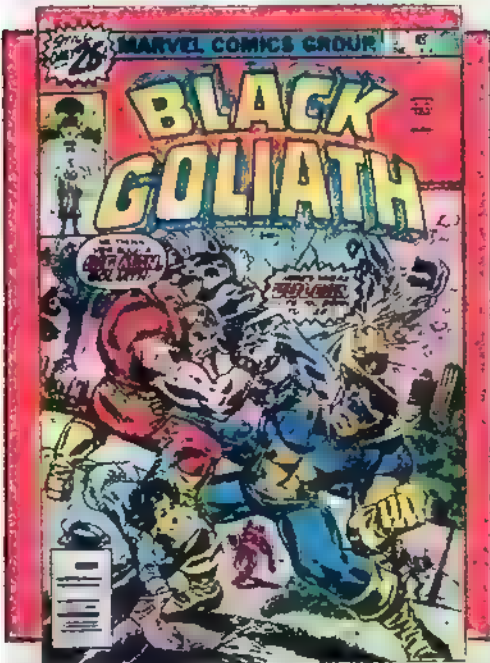
... BEFORE THAT
LITTLE TOY OF
YOURS...



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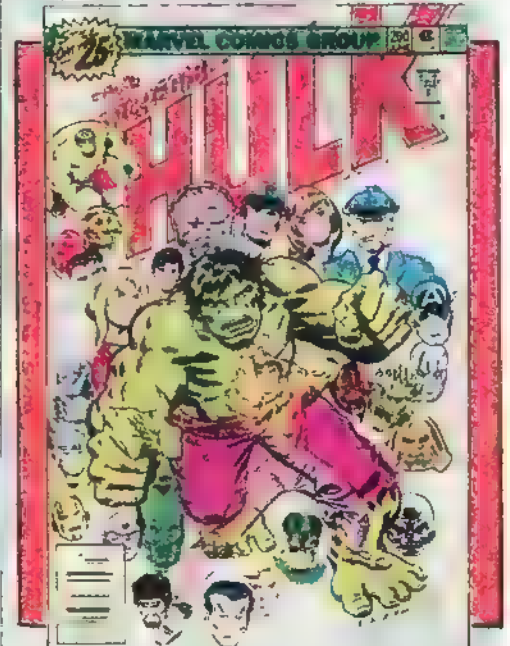
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Okay, welcome to our first letter column. And, to tell the truth, our only regret is that we don't have as many pages for letters as we do for story—we could have filled them *all* with the response to GOLIATH's first issue. A favorable response, we might add with a touch of pardonable pride. But enough babbling from the bullpen; take a gander at this representative sampling of the mail and see for yourselves. . .

Dear Tony,

Congratulations on your latest venture. BLACK GOLIATH was much more than I had anticipated, and I think the difference is in the characterization of Bill Foster. The way he confronted himself, his past, and his reasons for originally becoming Goliath was sincere and honest. The fact that Bill could reverse the consuming downward spiral of deception which marked the beginning of his career says something about his personality.

A quality magazine, however, can't rest on the hero alone. Good supporting characters, good stories, and good villains are also necessary. The whiz kids have great potential and provide the basis for a very strong and diversified cast of supporting characters. I hope Atom-Smasher never gets together with Radion the Atomic Man. That could spell big trouble for whoever gets in their way. As for the storylines, well, we'll just have to wait and see! I think you have another winner on your hands. I just hope you get rid of that stupid, unuseful collar on Goliath's costume.

PMM Rook Jones
3053 Tremont St.
Allentown, PA 18104

Atom-Smasher team up with Radion? Never happen. Of course, if the Freak just happened to. . .but we forget, Atom-Smasher has gone to that great 'Giant-Sized Super-Villain Team-Up in the sky. One can only hope that he has better luck up there than he had down on Earth.

Glad you like our premiere issue, Rook; we hope you like the third issue you're reading now. But as for getting rid of Goliath's collar—have you ever considered that *he* might like it?

Dear Marv,

BLACK GOLIATH #1 finally found its way down the bayou after much agonizing on my part. (Now if HOWARD THE DUCK would only come South before Christmas...)

The first words Bill Foster spoke in a Marvel mag: "Mr. Stark said I shouldn't be surprised at anything I see—but a door fifteen feet high kinda shakes a gent up!" Well, it took nine-and-a-half years, but he finally caught up with the door.

I've spoken briefly with Tony a few times at conventions, so it has been with interest that I have followed his career through such turkeys as IT! THE GREAT BIG ROCK. But now he's earning his right to strut like a popinjay. Well conceived and well executed, I hope this title can go monthly within the year.

My main complaint is the Tuska artwork. George has been doing comics for thirty-odd years, and he's a fine storyteller. But he still seems to think that people have one upper tooth and one lower. Oh, it's a wide tooth, as wide as a mouth, but does he have to draw everyone with an overbite?

By the way, it's nice to see Herbie again after all these years. He's not getting older, he's getting bigger.

William MacDonald Neville
P.O. Box 29
Cut Off, LA 70345

Dear Tony and George,

BLACK GOLIATH #1 was great! I've always liked the Goliath character, and having Bill Foster turn into Goliath III was a brainstorm. Now, after reading #1, I regret having passed over issue #'s 24 and 25 of LUKE CAGE. Oh well....

Bob Lackey
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Dear Tony Isabella,

I've read BLACK GOLIATH's first issue and I liked it. More black characters are needed in the realm of the comics media. Bill Foster has his own distinct form of characterization. He's a troubled man, and by analyzing the lies he told Claire Temple, I conclude he is also quite weak. I'm going to take special interest in the evolution of his personality.

Dave Lofvers
290 Lexington Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14222

Dear Tony, George, Vince, Irv, Michele and Marv:
Fantastic!

Kurt Busick
41 Somerset Rd.
Lexington, MA 02173

Bullpen:

I like it. I don't know why, but I like it. BLACK GOLIATH has definite possibilities.

You've got a trio of interesting supporting characters and a good writer. The art team isn't bad, but count my vote in favor of a switch in the near future. The villain was lousy, but this is only the first issue. This mag has a chance—it's up to you guys to develop it and make it as imaginative and as effective as it can be.

Daniel Raskio
New York, NY

Dear Gents:

What can I say? Black Goliath was a masterpiece, a perfect comic book! It had everything: action, drama, and a twist of humor which made it the best. The art? It speaks for itself; it was great!

Doug Thieme
Decatur, IN 46733

Dear Bill Foster:

Hokay! Let's see how you like having two solid weeks of thunderstorms! (We have ways....)

Naomi Basner
WDWAF-TV NEWS

Into every life some you-know-what must fall, but this is getting a bit ridiculous. But, on the other hand, if Ms. Basner has an inside track to a certain Norse God of Thunder who shall remain nameless (after all, she might now know who we're talking about, snicker, snicker) we might all be up to our helmets in rain before we can tap our hammers twice.

Ah well, what's life without a little risk. . .

By the way, as many of you may have noticed, BLACK GOLIATH is no longer being scripted by Tony "the Tiger" Isabella—who has moved back to Cleveland and on to other, big Marvel projects (just wait 'til you see 'em, too!). As of issue #2, the scripting chores have been handled by cheerful Chris Claremont, erstwhile Mutant Martial Artist Supreme. Does Marvel-dom Assembled agree with the change? Disagree? Love it? Hate it? No opinion?

Whatever your feelings, let us know about 'em, huh? Armadillos waste away without letters, y'know, kind of like politicians without votes and cities without money. And what would Marvel be without an armadillo? So spare yourselves that kind of agony, friends and countrypeople, write!

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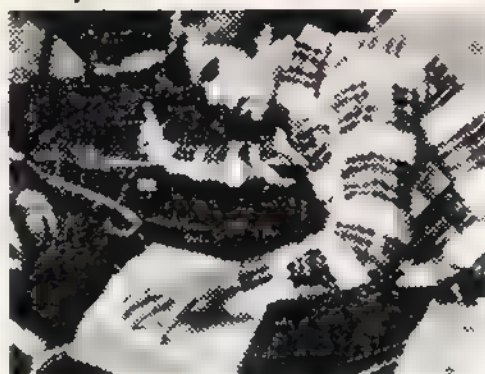
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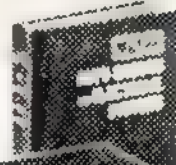
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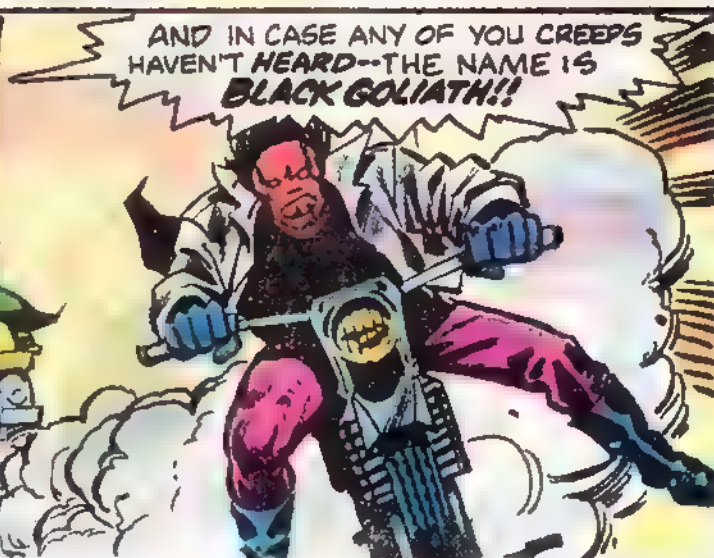
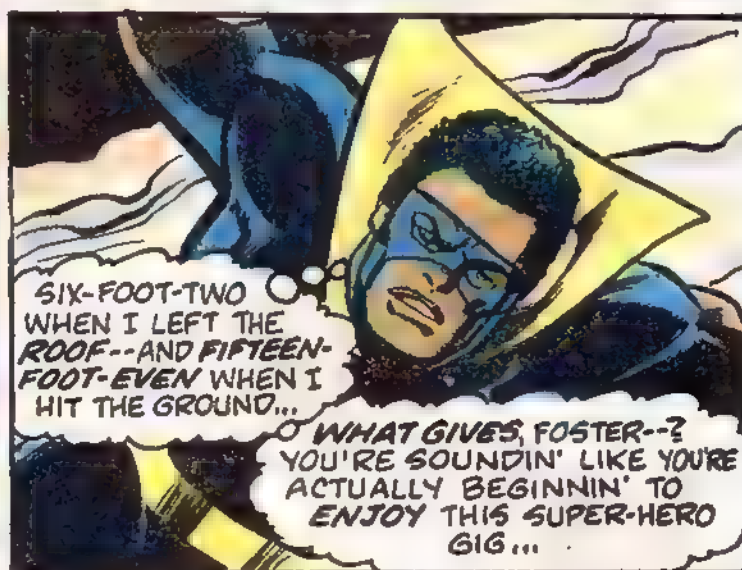
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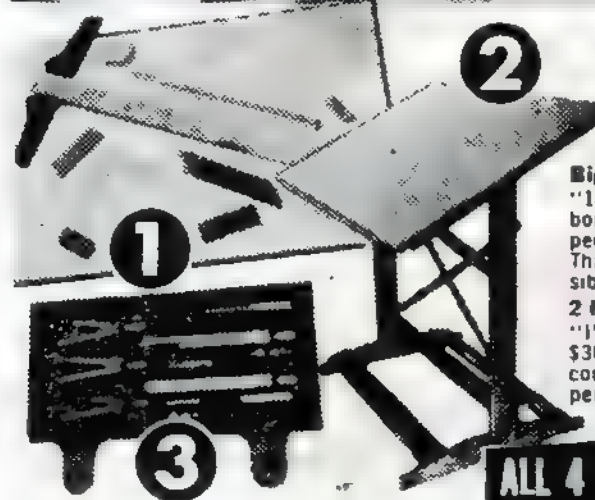
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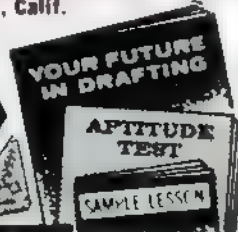
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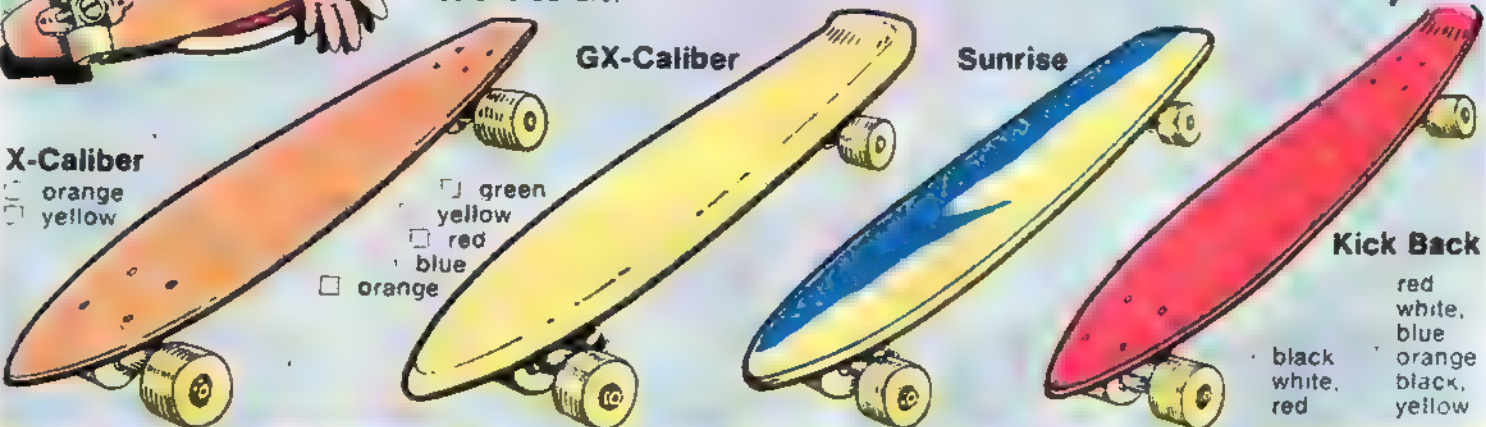
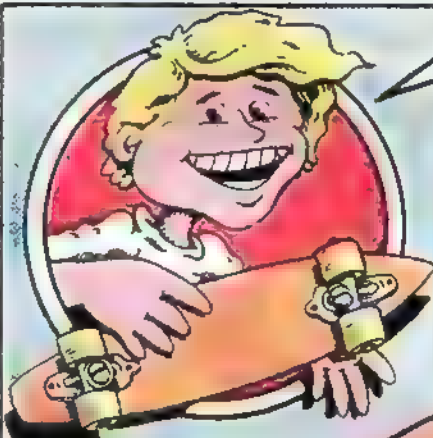
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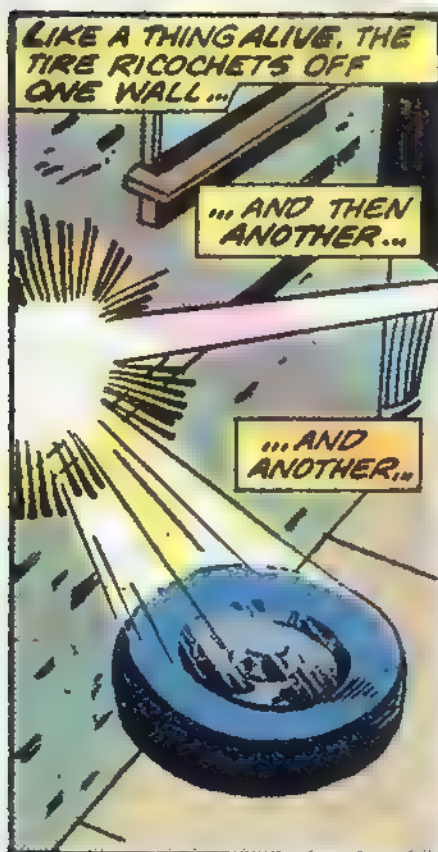
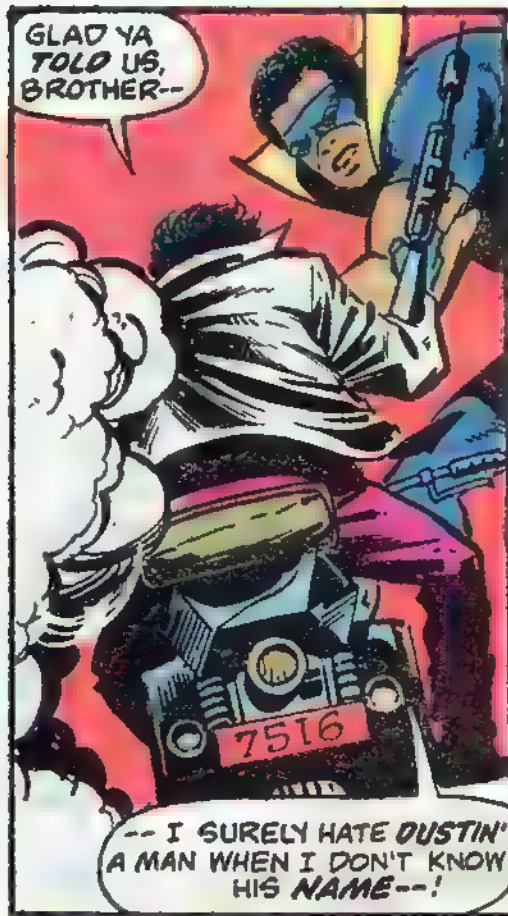
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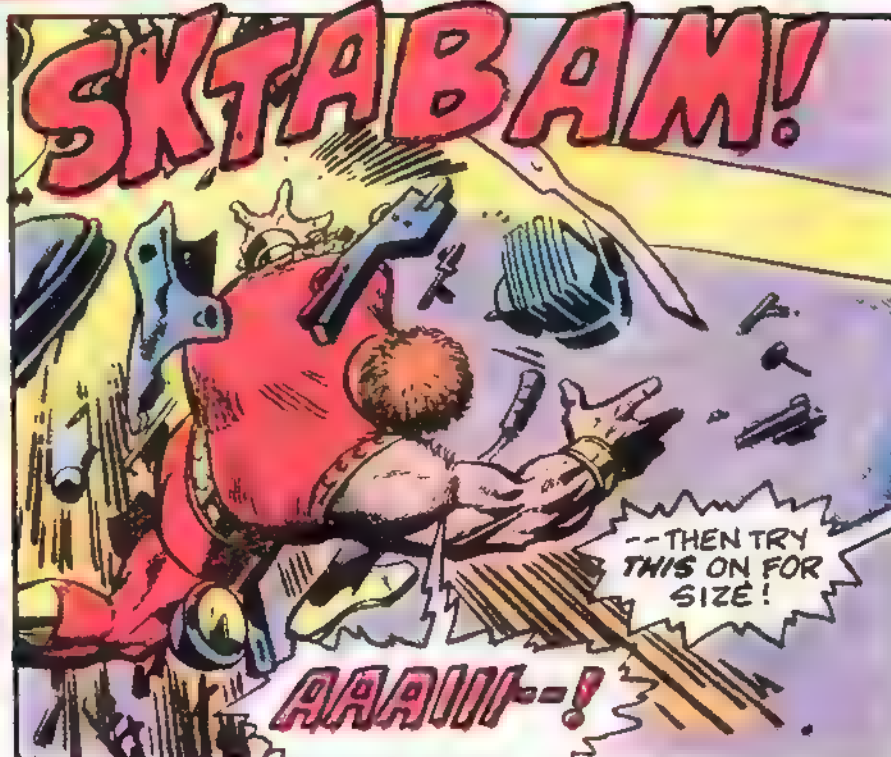
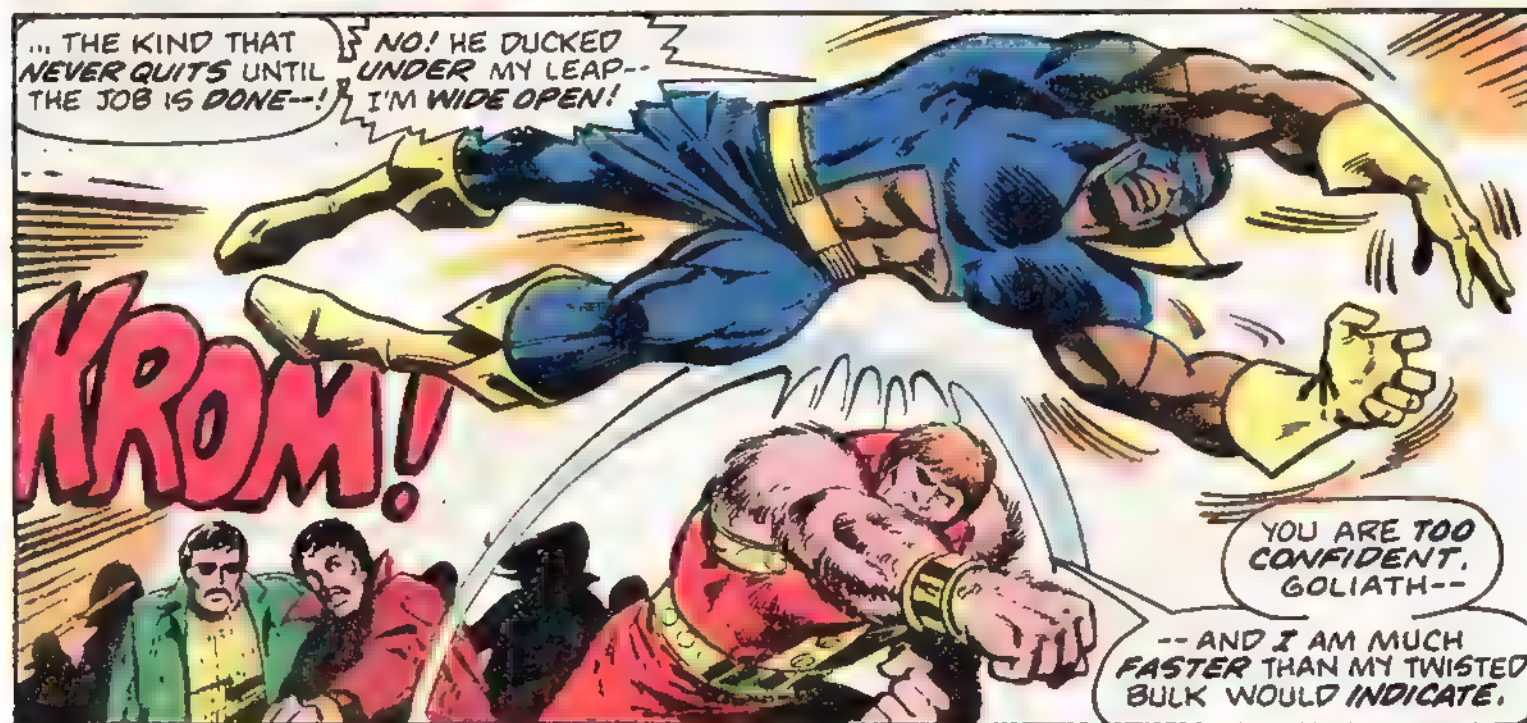
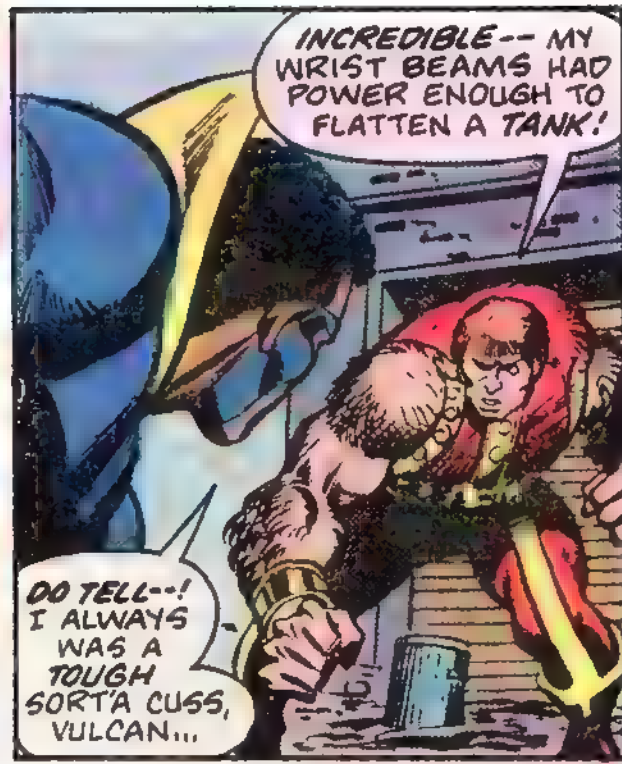
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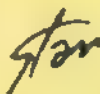


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ITEM! We're giving you advanced warning on this one, playmate, 'cause we want you to make sure that absolutely no one misses the ever-lovin' events occurring in THE INCREDIBLE HULK #200. That's right, Wild One—old Jade-Jaw's bicentennial issue features more guest stars than you can shake a gamma-radiated fist at. Art by Our Pal SAL BUSCEMA and Jolly JOE STATON, of course. Who can ask for anything more? And speaking of our jolly green giant, wait'll you see a couple of sensational special issues we've got planned for you, with surprise guest artists such as Bashful BERNI WRIGHTSON and Judo JIM STARLIN doing their thing with Lively LEN WEIN.

ITEM! If you've been wondering why you've been seeing less of Garrulous GIL KANE's cavorting covers these past few months, well, we've been waiting to let the reasons burst free. Y'see, Ol' "Sugar" Kane's been dying to get back to drawing insides again, and he's just finished not one, but two new stories. First is this year's sensational SPIDER-MAN annual—a fist-fighting free-for-all with Spidey's newest foe, the fearsome Fly—and the second story's Gif's premiere appearance as the brand new artist on THE IN-HUMANS, written by Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH. And right after finishing his saga of Black Bolt's brothers and sisters, Gil takes over the reigns of "Sons Of The Tiger" in our bombastic black-and-white blockbuster mag THE DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU! So you'll be seeing quite a bit of raising Kane art in the months to come. And if you're wondering what GEORGE "Pace-Setter" PEREZ will be doing now that he's left the aforementioned mags, well, take a peek at the "World's Greatest Comic Mag," namely THE FANTASTIC FOUR, and see who its newest artist sensation is. Just one guess, Faithful One! And, once again, if you're wondering what Riotous RICH BUCKLER is working on now that he's left the F.F., well, besides taking over the scripting chores for his cybernetic brain-child, DEATHLOK, Rich will be doing a special fill-in for our armored Avenger, IRON MAN, and another fill-in for Marvel's newest super-sensation, BLACK GOLIAH. And, besides all that, Rich returns to one of his all-time favorites, again teaming up with Dandy DON MCGREGOR to co-produce THE BLACK PANTHER! Whew!

ITEM! And speaking of our rapturous annuals, the first two of our all-new 52-page, giant-sized mags will be arriving at your newsstands this month, and we just have to tell ya that we're as excited about these bonus babies as you are. In our IRON MAN annual, everyone's favorite golden Avenger meets everyone's favorite swamp-creature, the macabre MAN-THING, and the two of them will be taking on a brand-new Molecule Man—only this M.M. has a big difference. Take a peek and see for yourself what lies behind the covers of this STEVE GERBER/SAL BUSCEMA treat. And, at the same time, our fighting heroes from World War Two, the ever-lovin' INVADERS, will be making

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ITEM! If you take a look at what's been comin' on in Marvel's way-out mystery mags, you might just be surprised! Both THE TOMB OF DRACULA and WERE-WOLF BY NIGHT are in the midst of some earth-shattering changes which we know no true Marvelite will want to miss. Frinstance, not only does the Lord of Vampires meet his future wife in this month's mag (and marry her next month—talk about short engagements), but we can guarantee you that a satanic sibling will soon be making its appearance there. And if you think that's a teaser for things to come, you better believe it. Meanwhile, in our shaggy friend's own book, there will be some startling changes in the Werewolf and his relationship with Jack Russell, plus the extra-special appearance of Brother Voodoo. We can't give away too much about what's happenin' in Wolfie's life, but we're betting everyone will dig it.

ITEM! You've probably been wondering what those little boxes in the left-hand corner of all our mags on sale this month are. Well, never let it be said that Marvel doesn't tell it all to our rapturous readers. The box is called "The Universal Product Code" (U.P.C. for short), and this has been put on everything from comics to containers, from magazines to matchboxes, in order to sell the product in all stores. Fact is, you've probably already seen this on all other comics, and now Marvel has it, too. And just in case you're wondering, the computer code has to be placed exactly where it is, and can't be moved either to the back cover or inside the book. Truth to tell, folks, if you've been having trouble finding issues of Mighty Marvels this past year, this new code should actually help eliminate some of the problems. It may take time to work a few bugs out of the system, but, in the long run, it's gonna make sure that you'll see your Marvel's everywhere, which means your favorite titles will have a better chance of reaching you than ever before.

ITEM! All fans of our fine-feathered fowl, HOWARD THE DUCK, take notice, 'cause you're in for a special treat during these next few months. Hot on the tail of Big JOHN BUSCEMA's rendering of the Duck's third issue, Gentleman GENE COLAN will be putting his titanic talents to pencilling issue four, and after Gene, the previously mentioned BERNI WRIGHTSON will be taking over as Howard's permanent penciller. Not too bad for a duck, it?

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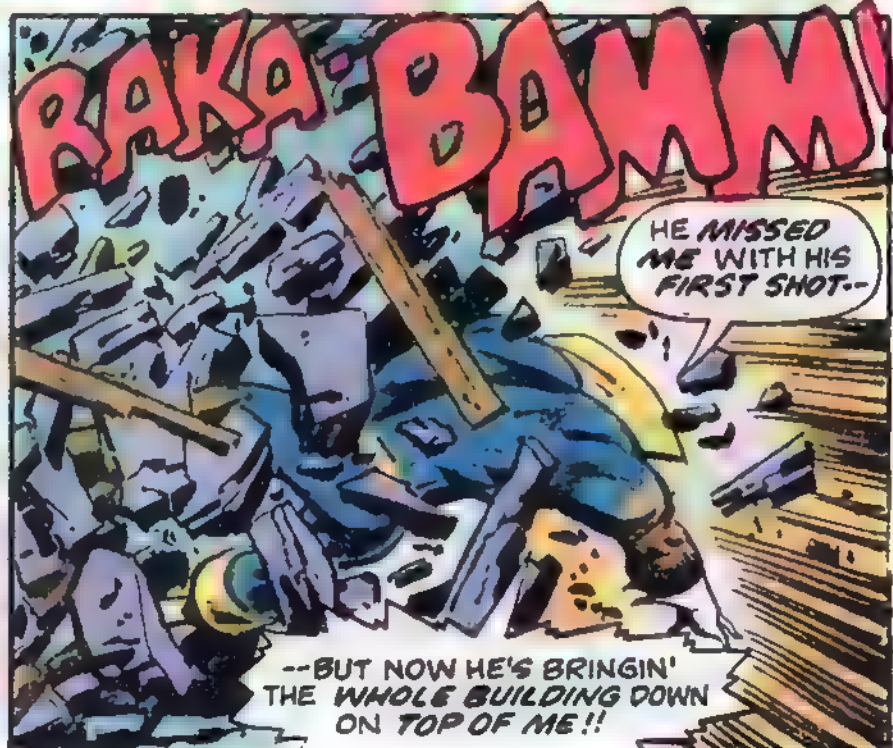
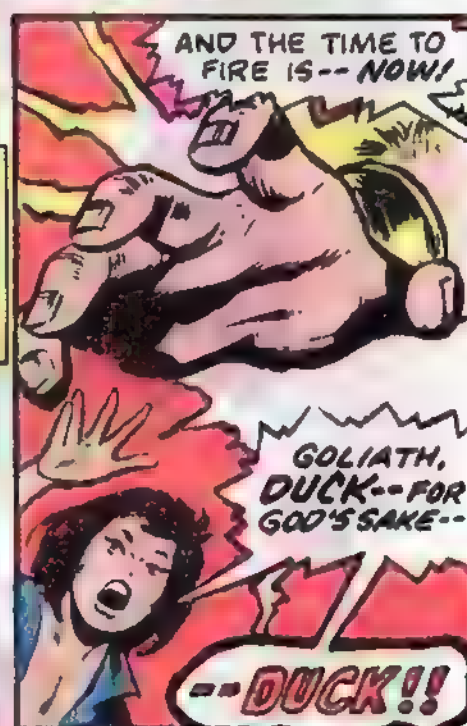
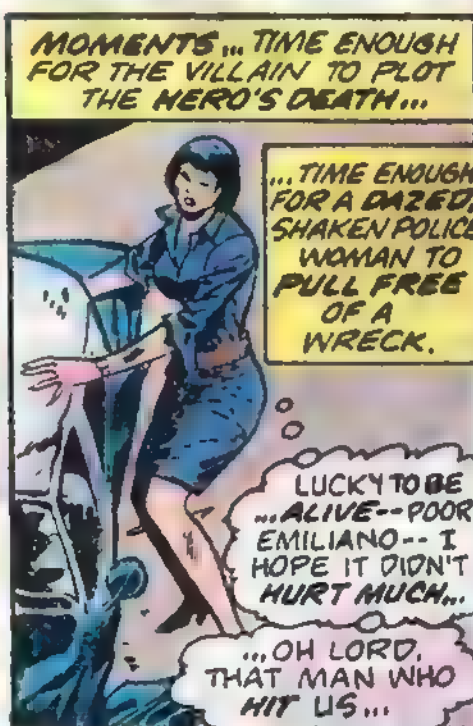
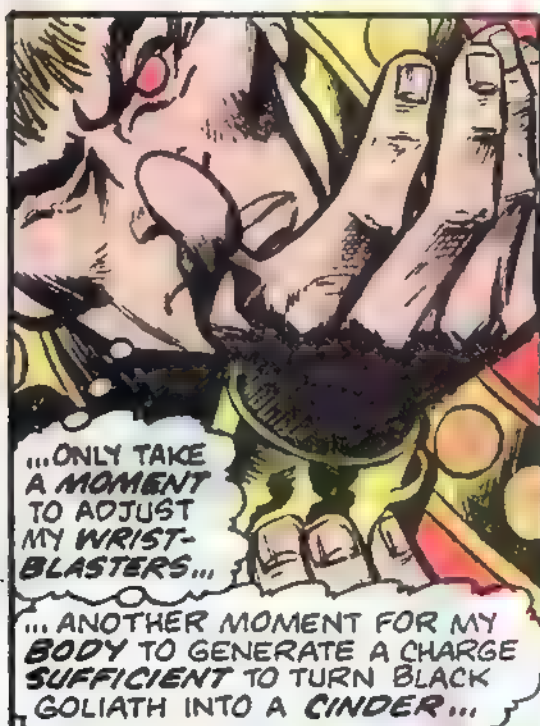
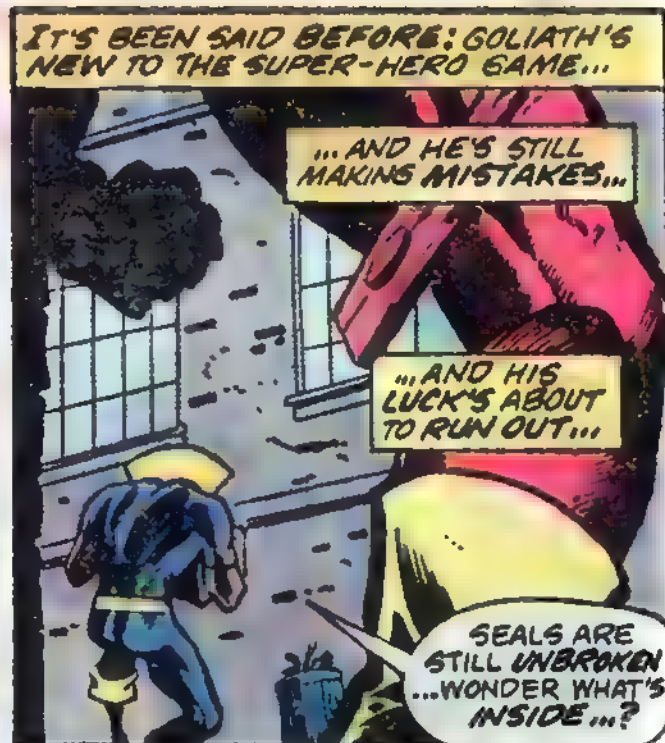
I'M GOING TO DOUBLE-CROSS MY PARTNER AND KEEP ALL THE TWINKIES TO MYSELF. GAD, I'M EVIL!

HA! THIS WILL BE THE END OF YOUR TWINKIE TAKING!

WE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT. DROP YOUR GUN. WE NEVER SHOULD HAVE TRIED ANYTHING SO EVIL AS TO ROB A STORE. ESPECIALLY OF TWINKIES. I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN. THERE ARE TOO MANY GOOD PEOPLE JUST WAITING TO ENJOY THAT GOLDEN SPONGE CAKE WITH CREAMY FILLING INSIDE. WHAT COULD BE MORE DELICIOUS THAN HOSTESS TWINKIES?

YOU GET A BIG DELIGHT IN EVERY BITE OF HOSTESS TWINKIES



THE COPS AND THE FIRE CREWS AND THE RESCUE PARAMEDICS ARE STILL BUSY COME MORNING RUSH HOUR...

...CLEARING THE STREET OF RUBBLE, INVESTIGATING THE CRIME SCENE, INTERROGATING THE PRISONERS (THE ONLY ESCAPEE BEING VULCAN-- BUT THOSE ARE THE BREAKS), CARING FOR THE INJURED ...AND CARTING OFF THE DEAD...

...IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S BEEN ONE HECKUVA MORNING.

...AND THAT'S WHEN THE ROOF FELL IN. BY THE TIME I'D DUG MY WAY CLEAR, VULCAN WAS GONE.

SO WHAT'VE WE GOT TO SHOW FOR ONE DEAD COP, HEY?

NOTHIN' BUT SIX CYCLE HOP-HEADS WHO'RE FLYIN' SO HIGH THEY'LL BE LUCKY IF THEY CAN REMEMBER THEIR NAMES.

FAT LOT O' GOOD THAT'LL DO MANNY ROJAS' WIDOW.

HEY, MR. BLACK GOLIATH, WHY DON'T YOU JUST PACK YOUR BAGS AND GET YOUR BUTT BACK TO NEW YORK WITH THE REST'A THE SUPER-FREAKS...

...L.A.'S GOT TOO MANY CRAZIES AS IT IS...

YOU FINISHED?

'CAUSE I'M NOT LEAVIN'-- NOT FOR YOU, NOT FOR ANYBODY.

LOS ANGELES IS MY HOME-- YOU DIG? AN' SO LONG AS SUPER-POWERED HOT SHOTS LIKE ATOM-SMASHER AN' VULCAN ARE RUNNIN AROUND MY TOWN...

...BLACK GOLIATH IS GONNA BE AROUND TO STOP 'EM.

AN' IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM APPLES, CHUM-- YOU CAN LUMP 'EM.

PROUD WORDS, GOLIATH... SOON TO BE PUT TO THE ULTIMATE TEST... BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY, FOR ANOTHER TIME...

...FOR THE NONCE, LET US LEAVE YOU WITH A BOX.

...BURIED BENEATH COUNT-LESS TONS OF RUBBLE...

...A BOX THAT BEGINS TO SMOULDER, TO GLOW...

...A BOX THAT SEEMS ALMOST...MALEVOLENT...

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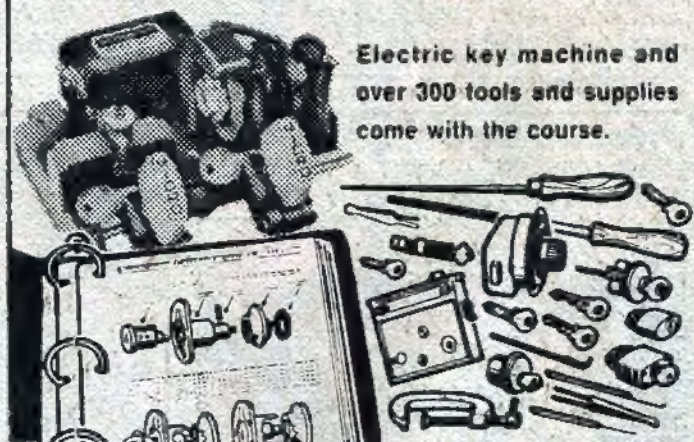


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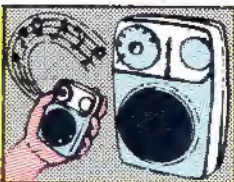
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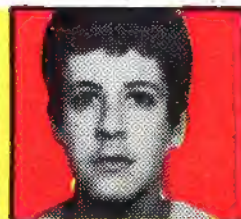
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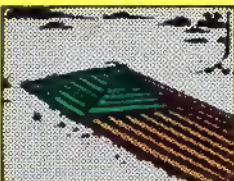
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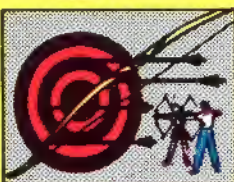
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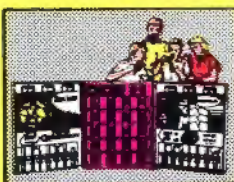
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